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In response to the action mailed February 5, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-72 are currently pending in the application. In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 37-54, and noted that claims 1-36 and 55-72 were withdrawn from consideration.

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

-- 37. A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

receiving information relating to a metal ion to be simulated; and

generating a representation of a metal ion by a molecular dynamics simulation,

wherein said representation of a metal ion comprises a center atom having a van der

Waals radius greater than zero covalently linked to one or more dummy atoms having a

van der Waals radius of about zero, wherein the overall charge of said metal ion is evenly

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